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Nos. 11-103035, filed March 5, 1999 and 11-098232, filed  
April 5, 1999.--

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 12, 16 and 39 as follows:

Claim 12, line 2, change "to 11" to --or 10--.

Claim 16, line 2, change "to 15" to --or 14--.

Claim 39, line 2, change "39" to --38--.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended above to make  
reference to parent International Application No.

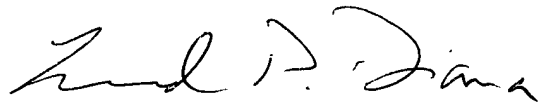
PCT/JP00/01347 (filed March 6, 2000) and Japanese Patent  
Application Nos. 11-103035, filed March 5, 1999 and 11-  
098232, filed April 5, 1999, from which International  
Application No. PCT/JP00/01347 claims benefit.

Claims 12 and 16 have been amended to place those  
claims in proper multiply-dependent form. Claim 39 has been  
amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 1-46 are  
pending in this application.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue  
are respectfully requested.

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